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JACK ANDERSON: President Reagan issued an executive order yesterday governing intelligence activities and the spies are on the loose again.

I'll have the inside story after this.

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Here is the inside story.

Yesterday President Reagan issued an executive order governing intelligence activities. The order is designed to make the CIA more efficient and to eliminate unnecessary restrictions on our intelligence agents.

Supposedly the CIA is now banned from spying on US citizens but the new order has a loophole. The Attorney General and the CIA Director can authorize domestic spying activities, including electronic surveillance, physical searches and mail openings.

The new order will allow agencies within the intelligence community to conceal arrangements with academic institutions and with business firms in the United States. That means the CIA can set up dummy corporations and ABSCAM type stings and no one will be the wiser.

Meanwhile, a still secret executive draft order will redefine how Uncle Sam classifies secrets.

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